

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

June 9, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We write to follow-up on our July 6, 2009 letter regarding the Chicago Public School's (CPS) E-Rate funding application appeal.

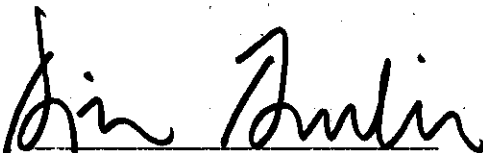
Our initial letter to you urged the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to reverse the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) decision to deny CPS's E-Rate funding application. We hereby renew that request and ask the FCC to expeditiously address this matter. CPS's initial E-Rate funding application was denied by USAC in March 2009. Shortly thereafter, CPS filed its appeal (Docket No. 02-6 and Docket No. 96-45).

CPS has been waiting on a decision from the FCC for more than 13 months. As you know, CPS is the third largest school district in the country. E-Rate funding is critical to CPS's effort to ensure that the tens of thousands of low and moderate income students in the district have access to critical telecommunication services. The ambiguity concerning CPS' E-Rate application has jeopardized \$40 million of critical funding for FY 2009 and \$22 million of funding for FY 2010. This extended delay has also strained CPS's relationship with numerous vendors, some of whom have assumed debt in order to begin critical infrastructure and internal connection projects that have previously been funded by the E-Rate program.

We urge the FCC to grant CPS's appeal and reverse USAC's denial of CPS's E-Rate funding application. Granting the requested application modifications would further the E-Rate program's intent of closing the digital divide among Chicago's low and moderate income students.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to receiving your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senator

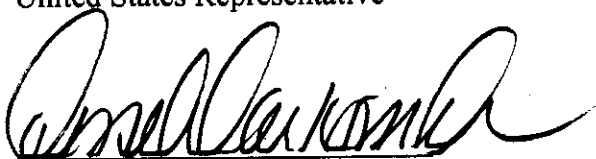


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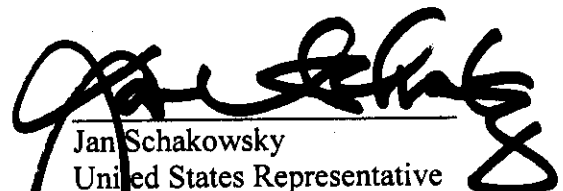
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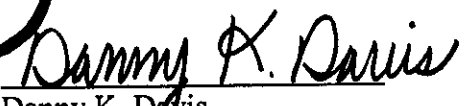
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September 9, 2010

The Honorable Janice D. Schakowsky  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2367 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Schakowsky:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Chicago Public Schools' (CPS) appeal of the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) denial of CPS' FY2008 application modification request. CPS attempted to revise its eligibility application to receive priority 2 funding after the filing deadline. USAC rejected similar requests by four other school systems.

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I regret that the Bureau was unable to issue its decision sooner, but the Commission's staff must review all USAC appeals in a thorough fashion to ensure the equitable and consistent application of the program rules.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

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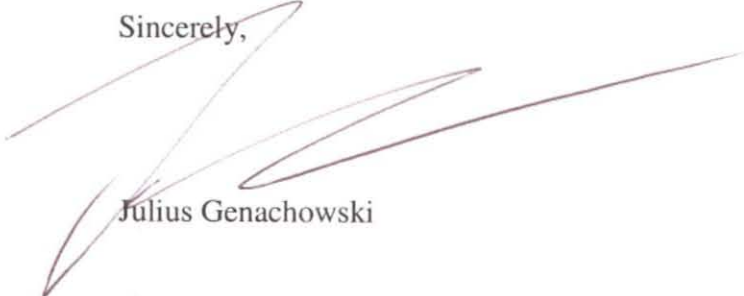
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